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1. ACCORDING TO ADVANCE INFORMATION FROM THUA THIEN/HUE POLI E CHIEF 14OF 35 CANDIDATES FOR THUA THIEN'S 4 SEATS WERE ELIMINATED BY LOCAL ELECTION COMMITTEE. THIS LEAVES 21 CANDIDATE .

2. THOSE ELIMINATED WERE:

A. TRAN PHUOC THANH, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POLICE DURING STRUGGLE FIVE.

B. VO VAN BANG, SECGEN OF PROVINCE COUNCIL AND ALLEGED FORM R RDV.

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C. NGUYEN KHAC THIEU, PRIVATE TEACHER, ACTIVE STRUGGLER, AN CITY COUNCILLOR.

D. NGUYEN NGOC NGHIA, ARVN MAJOR, FORMER QUANG TIN PROVINCE CHIEF WITH RECORD OF CORRUPTION AND ACTIVE THI SUPPORTER AND STRUGGLER.

E. NGUYEN DUC TRONG, PROVINCE COUNCILLOR.

F. NGUYEN DUC NHUAN, PROVINCE COUNCILLOR AND TAN DAI VIET.

G. NGO VAN BANG, ACTIVE STRUGGLER.

H. HOANG NGOC TANG, CHAIRMAN PROVINCE COUNCIL AND REV DAI VI T.

I. HOANG CONG CHU.

J. CAO VAN CHUAN, PROVINCE COUNCILLOR

K. NGUYEN NGAN, VICE CHAIRMAN PROVINCE COUNCIL.

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L. PHAM THUY, PROVINCE COUNCILLOR.

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N. TON THAT QUYEN NAM, ACTIVE STRUGGLER AND ALLEGED VC CONNE TIONS.

3. OF THE 11 PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS WHO ORIGIN LLY FILED CANDIDACIES IN TWO DISTRICTS HUE AND THUA THIEN ONLY TH EE WERE LEFT BY ELECTION COMMITTEE.
TWO ARE IN HUE AND BOTH, TRAN BICH NGOC AND NGO THONG, HAVE B EN ASSOCIATED TO SOME DEGREE WITH PAST STRUGGLE MOVEMENTS.
AT LEAST THONG, HOWEVER, CAMPAIGNED ACTIVELY IN HUE CITY FOR THIEU/KY ELECTION LIST. STILL LEFT IN THUA THIEN RACE IS FOR ER PROVINCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NGUYEN KHOA PHAM. DURING STRUGGLE HAM MAN AGED
TO AVOID COMPROMISE WITH STRUGGLE AND WAS SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH DRAFTED 1966 CA ELECTION LAW. PHAM WITHDREW IN PROTEST, HOWEVER, IN MID M Y AFTERR GVN TROOPS SENT TO REESTABLISH ORDER IN DANANG. SINCE THAT TI ME
PHAM HAS HAD EIIIMATIC ILLNESS AND HAS NOT PARTICIPATED

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IN WORK OF PROVINCE COUNCIL.

4. BY ELIMINATING 16 CANDIDATES IN THUA THIEN/HUE LOCAL ELECTION COMMITTEES NEARLY EXCECOED 18 ELIMINATED IN REMAINDE OF I CORPS. IN SPITE OF THIS, HOWEVER, CANDIDATES WHICH WOUL APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO RADICAL BUDDHISTS ARE STILL RUNNIN IN ALMOST EVERY I CORPS CONSTITUENCY. THERE IS PROBABLY A GO D CHANCE THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE EXCLUDED WILL BE REINSTATED BY CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE.

5. IT CERTAINLY APPEARS THAT MANY OF THOSE ELIMINATED PLAN TO PROTEST. SEPT 20 EDITION OF SONG NEWSPAPER CARRIED ARTICL CONCERNING EXTREME DISSATISFACTION OF THOSE CANDIDATES ELIMIN TED WHEN JUDGE NGUYEN TOAI, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCED WHO WAS EXCLUDED, BUT NOT REASONS WHY. ARTICLE TAKES DEFINITELY

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SYMPATHETIC LINE TO THOSE ELIMINATED INDICATING THHAT SOME WERE MEN WHOM VC HAD IMPRISONED. AND THAT LOCAL PEOPLE ARE VERY TROUBLED AND DOUBT DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT OF ELECTION. GIVEN THIS SORT OF PRESS TREATMENT IN A PAPER WITH SONG'S GENERAL STANDPOINT CANDIDATES CHANCES FOR BEING REINSTATED

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PROBABLY SOMEWHAT IMPROVED.
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